

1885-028 Chancery Causes: Jacob Oakley vs. Sarah M. Oakley  
Lee Co.

Hall, Carter, Hughes, Pennington, Zion, Pridemore

CA-Divorce  
T-Vices  
Migration

To the Hon. John A Kelly  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee  
County Virginia

Your orator Jacob Oakley  
humbly Complaining sheweth  
unto your Honor, that he was  
some years ago, married to one  
Sarah M. Oakley his present wife,  
with whom for several years  
he lived in peace and happi-  
ness - until a few months ago  
when his wife left him and  
the County, in Company with  
an other man, with whom she  
departed to parts unknown. She  
left in his Company for the pur-  
pose, and did as your orator  
alleges commit divers and number  
of acts of adultery with her  
paramour J. C. Hall, since  
which time your orator has re-  
fused to acknowledge his marital  
relations with her, and shall as he  
has refused to live with or treat her  
as a wife. The object of this  
bill is to procure, a decree of  
divorce and separation final and a  
complete annulment of said



Matrimonial Contract. Now existing  
between your Orator and his said  
wife.

The premises considered therefore  
he prays that said Sarah M. Oakley  
be made a party defendant to  
this bill and answer its allegations  
upon oath. And upon a hearing  
a decree be rendered annulling  
said divorce, and decreeing a final  
separation of your Orator & his  
said wife. And for all other  
further & general relief may  
be issued &c.

A. S. Pendleton  
O. L.



my  
Costs paid  
J. A. H.

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Jacob Oakley

Bill Chy

Sarah M. Oakley

1885 Jan 12 Bill filed

" order Publication

" Feb 13 Spadnot End & costs

" " O. P. Completed &  
Cause set for hearing

" Mr. Decree final

Divorce them - return Sept.



Jacob Oakley . . . Plff  
Against  
Sarah W. Oakley deft } In ch

This Cause came on ~~again~~ this day to be heard upon the ~~papers from~~ bill of the plff, order of publication duly made against the defendant, depositions of witnesses and arguments of Counsel - On consideration whereof and for reasons appearing to the Court, acts of adultery being satisfactorily proven, It is adjudged ordered and decreed that the benefit of matrimony heretofore existing between the plff and defendant be and they are hereby dissolved and annulled. But the defendant is restrained and inhibited from again marrying. And no further action being necessary the Cause is stricken from the docket.



Jacob Oakley

$\frac{1}{2}$  Secue Juvil

Sarah M. Oakley  
March 7. 1885

Entered page 421.  
J. A. Hyatt

Enter this  
Mar. 28 / 1886  
J. A. K.



The Deposition of William S. Carter and John T. Hughes taken before me H. C. Joslyn a Justice of the Peace for Lee County Va on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1885, <sup>at my office</sup> in said County, to be read as evidence on behalf of the Plaintiff in a Suit now pending in the Circuit Court <sup>of Lee County</sup> in which Jacob Oakley is Plaintiff, and Sarah Oakley is Defendant.

William S. Carter a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows,

Some time last fall about the middle of October Mrs Sarah Oakley left ~~this state~~ with a man by the name of H. C. Hall and has been away since that time, Mrs Sarah Oakley is the wife of Jacob Oakley of Lee County. When she left she did not take her child, which is now in Mr Jacob Oakley's possession, and further this deponent saith not.

William S. <sup>his</sup> Carter  
make

John T. Hughes another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows,



I know that Sometime in the fall of 1884, Mrs Sarah Oakly left her home in Lee County with a man by <sup>the name of</sup> H. C. Hall, and up to the present time she has not returned, Mrs Sarah Oakly is the wife of Jacob Oakly of this County, I never knew of any Cause of her leaving him. She did not take her child with her.

And further this Deponent saith  
Not. John T. Hughes

Virginia Lee County To wit:

L. H. C. Foslyn, a Justice of the Peace for said County, do hereby Certify, that the foregoing depositions of William S. Carter and John T. Hughes, were duly Taken, Sworn to and Subscribed before me, at the time and place mentioned in the Caption of the Same.

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1885.

H. C. Foslyn J. P.



Jacob Oakley  
vs.

Sarah Oakley

depositions of  
William S. Carter &  
John T. Hughes

Filed March 24/88s-  
J. A. Hyatt  
cc



The Deposition of Elkanah Pennington  
and Leo W. Zion,  
taken before me H. C. Joslyn a Justice  
of the Peace for Lee County Va. on the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1885. at my office  
in said County, to be read as evidence  
on behalf of Plaintiff in a Suite  
now pending in the Circuit Court  
of Lee County in which Jacob  
Oakley is Plaintiff and Sarah  
Oakley is defendant.

Elkanah Pennington a witness  
of lawful age being duly sworn  
deposes as follows,  
About the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1884, Mrs  
Jacob Oakley passed my house just  
at dusk, and the next day I saw  
Mr Oakley and he told me his  
wife had left the night before  
with H. C. Hall, it was also  
currently reported in the neighbourhood  
that Mrs Oakley had ran away  
with H. C. Hall, and as she  
has not returned up to this  
time I am satisfied the report  
was true, The Oakleys lived  
about one mile from my house  
and Mrs Oakley had for a long  
time borne the name of being



a very bad character, I have often  
heard of trouble between Oakley and  
his wife caused by her misconduct,  
with said H. C. Hall,

And further this deponent doth not,  
Elkanah Pennington

George W. Zion another witness  
of lawful age being duly sworn  
deposes as follows,

About October 20<sup>th</sup> 1884, it was  
currently reported, that Mrs Sarah  
Oakley had deserted her husband  
and had left the County in  
the night with one H. C. Hall  
and as she has not yet returned  
I suppose it is the fact. I learn  
that Mrs Oakley is now in Gazeview  
County Va living with this  
same H. C. Hall.

And further this deponent doth not,  
George W. Zion

Virginia Lee County to wit.

I, H. C. Joslyn, a Justice of the Peace  
for said County, do hereby Certify, that the  
foregoing depositions of Elkanah Pennington  
and Geo W. Zion were duly taken  
sworn to and subscribed before me  
at the time and place mentioned



in the Caption of the same,  
signed under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1885.

H. C. Joslyn J. P.



Jacob Oakley  
vs.

Sarah Oakley

Depositions of  
Iskannah Remington &  
Isa W. Zion.

Filed March 25/1885-

J. A. Est & Co



Virginia Lee County to wit.  
This day A. L. Phillimore  
personally appeared before  
me the undersigned & made  
oath that he is informed  
and believes that Sarah M.  
Oakley is a non-resident of  
Virginia. This Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> / 85.

John R. Gibson D. Clerk.



Jacob Oakley

v. S. Affidavit

Sarah M. Oakley







Jacob Oakley  
vs  $\frac{1}{2}$  Order Pub  
 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sarah M. Oakley

J. J. Hyatt clk  
Lee Circuit Court do  
hereby certify that  
I delivered to the  
Lee Co. Sum. a true  
copy of this order  
for publication on  
the 12 Jan'y 1885 &  
pasted a like  
copy thereof on  
front door of Lee  
Court House at  
the January term  
of the County Court  
J. J. Hyatt  
clk



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Lee County--Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon

*Sarah M. Oakley*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court House, on the first Monday in  
*February* next, being Rule Day, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited in our Court against  
*her*, by *Jacob Oakley*

And have then and there this Writ. Witness, J. A. G. HYATT, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House,  
this *12* day of *January*, 188*5*, in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy---Teste:

*J. A. G. Hyatt*, Clerk.



Jacob Oakley

vs  $\frac{3}{3}$  Spavin Chey

Sarah M. Oakley

To Feby Rules 1885

Not executed the  
Deft being a non-  
resident.

R. D. Flanary, S. F. C.



# Publisher's Certificate.

JONESVILLE, VA.,

*Feb. 6th*, 188*5*.

I, *A M Gwinn*, Publisher of the LEE COUNTY SUN,  
a weekly newspaper published at Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the annexed  
Chancery Order was published four successive weeks in said newspaper, publication ending  
*Feb 6th*, 188*5*.

*A. M. Gwinn*, Publisher.

**VIRGINIA**—In the Clerk's office of the  
Circuit Court of Lee County, during  
vacation, on Monday, the 12th day of Jan-  
uary, 1885.

## IN CHANCERY.

Jacob Oakley, Plaintiff, versus Sarah M  
Oakley, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain a di-  
vorce from the bonds of matrimony, now  
existing between the plaintiff and the de-  
fendant; and it appearing from an affid-  
avit on file in this cause that the defendant  
Sarah M. Oakley is a non resident of the  
State of Virginia: It is therefore ordered  
that she appear here within one month af-  
ter due publication of this order and do  
what may be necessary to protect her in-  
terest in this suit. A copy—teste.

J. A. G. HYATT, C. C.

A. L. PRIDEMORE, P. Q.

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Jacob Oakley

vs  $\frac{1}{3}$  Pub certif

Sarah H Oakley

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